

ANNUAL MEETING UNITED CHURCH AT STELLARTON

STELLARTON, Jan. 20 — The annual meeting of Sharon-St. John United Church was held on Wednesday evening in the church hall, and all reports submitted were most encouraging and enthusiastically received, all showing splendid work accomplished during the year just closed. Rev. D. M. Grant was appointed chairman and Mr. G. R. Saunders, secretary. Following a short devotional period Mr. Grant presented the report of Session with approximately 425 families; number of persons, 1650; members resident and non-resident, Dec., 1934, 815. Ten were received by profession and one by certificate. 8 removed by death and 9 by certificate. Resident members in 1935, 613; non-resident, 196. Total 809. Baptisms, infants, 21, adults, 1. There were 4 marriages and 21 burials.

Mr. G. B. Clarkson read all reports submitted by the various organizations, all showing splendid work accomplished. The report of the Board of Stewards was received with considerable satisfaction and approval. During the year extensive repairs were completed at the manse at a total expenditure of \$1609.44. All bills in this connection had been paid and the property now was in excellent condition. Some repairs had also been made to the church windows, amounting to \$105. It was also encouraging to note that \$1000.00 had been paid on church mortgage account, the debt now standing at \$15,750. An automatic stoker had also been installed at a cost of \$640.00. The consolidated report noted that almost \$17,000 had been raised during the year, a splendid amount indeed. The combined offerings by way of envelope and plate showed increase of \$292.52 over last year. The Board of Trustees reported they had satisfactorily disposed of the seats and pipe organ of St. John Church, the latter going to the Presbyterian Church in Sydney. The manse had also been sold.

Splendid report with a surplus in all departments were submitted by the Official Board, Session Fund, Woman's Association, Missionary Societies (Afternoon and Evening), Mission Band, Sunday School and Bible Class, Young People's Society, C. G. I. T. Groups, Trail Rangers, Badminton Club, Building Fund. An interesting feature and cause for much gratitude and thankfulness was the burning of the pipe organ indebtedness, by Mr. Bert Urquhart, assisted by members of the choir. The organ was installed in 1927 at a cost of \$11,920; this with added interest amounted to \$13,441.09. This was a big undertaking and it is gratifying to note the entire amount has been paid.

The consolidated statement showing total amount collected, disbursed and on hand by the various organizations was as follows:

Receipts

Treasurer	\$ 6,926.64
Missionary & Maintenance..	2,300.61
Board of Trustees	2,269.00
Session Fund	42.19
Woman's Association.....	1,490.44
W. M. S. (Evening Aux.)	517.18
W. M. S. (Afternoon Aux.)	594.29
Mission Band	72.85
Sunday School	441.99
S. S. Mis. & Main. Fund.....	52.34
Young People's Society.....	50.04
Bible Class	23.31
C. G. I. T. Groups	51.88
Trail Rangers	95.52
Choir	216.54
Building Fund	1,814.72
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	\$16,959.54

Expenditures

Treasurer	\$ 6,871.75
Missionary & Maintenance..	2,300.00
Board of Trustees	2,137.65
Session Fund	36.03
Woman's Association	708.55
W. M. S. (Evening Aux.).....	516.70
W. M. S. (Afternoon Aux.)	593.73
Mission Band	72.85
Sunday School	422.49
S. S. M. & M. Fund	52.05
Young People's Society	44.56
Bible Class	23.31
C. G. I. T. Groups	33.38
Trail Rangers	91.47
Choir	171.23
Building Fund	1,504.31
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	\$15,580.06

Balance on hand\$ 1,379.48

The following were appointed as Stewards for a period of 3 years: G. B. Clarkson, John A. MacKenzie and Lester McCully. Ushers, M. Murray, John Ferguson, A. Mabey. Auditors, James R. Ross, N. G. Munro. "Record" and "United Churchman," Kenneth McLeod. By motion the Annual Report will be printed next year and include names of contributors.

A resolution of appreciation was extended to Rev. Mr. Grant and Mrs. Grant by Messrs. T. J. Reid and John Fellows, who during their short stay in our midst have already entwined themselves strongly in our affections and the result of their fine leadership is already bearing much fruit.

Sharon-St. John United is entering on the New Year with a fine spirit of optimism and with the splendid record of past achievements are looking forward with renewed strength to achieving even greater things in the Master's Kingdom.